



Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, in the new County building at 700 Lavaca (multifacility room C), Austin, Texas. Chairman Barry Hutcheson called the meeting to order at 5:30 and a quorum was declared at 5:45 p.m. Members present: Barry Hutcheson, Marty Moulthrop, Nancy Hamilton, Bob Ward, Rosemary Morrow, May Schmidt, Bob Perkins, Adrienne Isom, Margie Alford, Bill Beare, Shawn Malone and Patti Hansen. Absent: Vonnys Rice-Gardner, Margarine Beaman, Carolyn Jones, Nora Jackson and Sarah Harriman. Guests: Hagen Barber from the County Archivist's office.

Minutes: Upon declaration of a quorum, the minutes of November 14, 2012, were approved on a motion by Bob Perkins and seconded by May Schmidt.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Hamilton reported our balance is \$5045.94 in our Wells Fargo account. The auger has been purchased for \$388.67 from County funds.

Report from the Chair: Barry has 19 applications ready to submit to the County Judge for new and renewing members. The new membership list must be submitted to the THC by the end of January.

We have received the Distinguished Service Award from the THC and it is to be presented to us by the Commissioners Court next month at one of their weekly meetings. Barry stated that it would be appropriate for as many members as possible to be present and most said that they could attend the Commissioners' meeting scheduled for January 22, 2013.

The military group advocating for deleting George Bonnell's name from the Mt. Bonnell marker and substituting American Army officer Joseph Bonnell met with THC executive director Mark Wolfe and legal counsel Joe Thrash recently; Bob Ward was also in attendance, representing Travis County Historical Commission. Mr. Wolfe presented newly-found research regarding George Bonnell, including his diary, dated 1838, which contains the statement, "...my companions called it Mt. Bonnell." As this pre-dates the claims by the group in favor of naming the marker for Joseph Bonnell, the matter has apparently been put to rest.

Research Committee: May Schmidt reported that the Pease School marker is at the foundry. The text for the Haskell House marker is being revised. An application for the Ziller House, which had been withdrawn in 2010, has been reinstated.

Projects Committee: Patti Hansen again requested items for the CHC calendar on our website. Barry has completed the by-law revisions and will forward them to the members. Rosemary Morrow reported that she and Vonnys Rice-Gardner will begin work on this year's essay contest in the spring. No report on the African American Schools project. Barry noted that the THC is

now posting CHC activities from around the state on their website and our essay contest was included this month.

Markers Committee: no report.

Public Relations: Margie Alford has invited Camp Mabry archivist Chantal McKenzie to speak to us at our February meeting about the history of the post. She will also invite County Archivist Christy Moilanen to attend. Barry noted that he is working on a list of criteria for our Award of Merit, as well as an application for same. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

CLG Committee: Bob reported that the committee is awaiting approval of a grant to survey southeast Travis County. Archeological work on the Ransom Williams site will begin soon.

Correspondence: Barry read a copy of the letter he wrote to the THC stating that we agree that no further action is required on the Confederate Pension Funds marker application, which was previously cancelled. A copy of the letter is attached to the record copy of these minutes.

Barry also wrote a letter on behalf of the Commission endorsing the association of Mission Tejas State Park, McKinney Falls State Park and Goliad State Park with the El Camino National Historic Trail. A copy of the letter is attached to the record copy of these minutes.

Other correspondence: Section 106 reviews of St. Joseph Grand Lodge, 1017 E. 11th St. (collocation of telecommunications equipment questioned), Westgate Tower, 1122 Colorado (collocation of telecommunications equipment approved) and 1603 Canterbury St. (THC recommends rehabilitation rather than demolition), as well as RTHL Project Reviews on the Goodall Wooten House at 1900 Rio Grande (proposed work approved) and St. David's Episcopal Church, 304 E. 7th (flying buttresses on west wall approved)

Announcements: Barry noted that there is new statue in Galveston of Jack Johnson, sculpted by our own Adrienne Isom. Its unveiling was covered by local and national press. Congratulations, Adrienne!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Moulthrop

Recording Secretary

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December 2012 Treasurer's Report

Wells Fargo Bank

Balance Dec 2012: \$5045.94

Travis County 2012 account totals: \$1543.29, distributed as follows:

1-1700-639-30-13 (Communications and equipment)

Dec Balance \$0

1-1700-639-30-99 (Other equipment and supplies) unchanged

Dec Balance \$3.29

1-1700-639-60-23 (Postal / Freight Out)

Dec Balance \$0

1-1700-639-60-99 (Other purchased Services)

Dec Balance \$0

1-1700-639-65-03 (Travel, meals and lodging)

Dec Balance \$100

1-1700-639-65-04 (Training and seminars)

Dec Balance \$200

[1-1700-639-90-01 (Co. Contribution to Grants)

Dec Balance \$0

1-1700-639-75-08 (Markers)

Dec Balance \$1240.00

Nancy Hamilton
Treasurer